Decadal growth in population in certain States

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Will'the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact, that the provisional figures of Census released by Census Commissioner revealed alarming decadal growth in population in Bihar and UP;

(b) what is proposed to be done to curb the rate of growth of population in Bihar and other States having decadal growth of over 16 per cent; and

(c) whether Government will force disincentives for families having more than 2-3 children to enforce small family norm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The decadal growth (percentage) 1991-2000, as per provisional report census of India 2001, is 25.8 in Uttar Pradesh and 29.1 in Bihar, where as, it is 21.3 in All India average.

(b) An Empowered Action Group (EAG) has been constituted in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the area specific programmes with special emphasis to States that have been lagging behind in containing population growth. Broadly these States are Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Orissa, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhatrisgarh which will be covered.

(c) No, Sir.